

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Chao-Chang David Pai on 02/12/09.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 38 (cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 27-37, and 39-52 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 27, patentability resides in "a sensor installable on an operating glove (to be worn by the medical staff during operations) and a control panel comprising an electronic circuit, a protection device and a warning device", in combination with the other limitations of the claim.

Regarding claim 36, patentability resides in "a micro-processor for receiving signals from said sensor, comparing said signals with a database's data to judge the existence of metal or magnetic material, and sending out signals to said control panel", in combination with the other limitations of the claim.

Regarding claim 44, patentability resides in “the warning device is prompted to warn users with sounds or signals that said metal or magnetic material outside of said electromagnetic wave-proof device should be placed inside said electromagnetic wave-proof device to isolate said metal or magnetic material from said sensor's further detection to prevent signal error”, in combination with the other limitations of the claim.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phung Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2968. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu, can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for this Group is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

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